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1 AN ACT Relating to community public health and safety networks;  
2 amending RCW 70.190.060 and 70.190.100; making an appropriation; and  
3 providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.190.060 and 2005 c 274 s 345 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature authorizes community public health and safety  
8 networks to reconnect parents and other citizens with children, youth,  
9 families, and community institutions which support health and safety.  
10 The networks have only those powers and duties expressly authorized  
11 under this chapter. The networks should empower parents and other  
12 citizens by being a means of expressing their attitudes, spirit, and  
13 perspectives regarding safe and healthy family and community life. The  
14 legislature intends that parent and other citizen perspectives exercise  
15 a controlling influence over policy and program operations of  
16 professional organizations concerned with children and family issues  
17 within networks in a manner consistent with the Constitution and state  
18 law. It is not the intent of the legislature that health, social  
19 service, or educational professionals dominate community public health

1 and safety network processes or programs, but rather that these  
2 professionals use their skills to lend support to parents and other  
3 citizens in expressing their values as parents and other citizens  
4 identify community needs and establish community priorities. To this  
5 end, the legislature intends full participation of parents and other  
6 citizens in community public health and safety networks. The intent is  
7 that local community values are reflected in the operations of the  
8 network. The legislature also intends that the family policy council  
9 encourage the formation of a new network in areas previously served by  
10 a disbanded network.

11 (2) A group of persons described in subsection (3) of this section  
12 may apply to be a community public health and safety network.

13 (3) Each community public health and safety network shall be  
14 composed of twenty-three people, thirteen of whom shall be citizens who  
15 live within the network boundary with no fiduciary interest. In  
16 selecting these members, first priority shall be given to members of  
17 community mobilization advisory boards, city or county children's  
18 services commissions, human services advisory boards, or other such  
19 organizations. The thirteen persons shall be selected as follows:  
20 Three by chambers of commerce, three by school board members, three by  
21 county legislative authorities, three by city legislative authorities,  
22 and one high school student, selected by student organizations. The  
23 remaining ten members shall live or work within the network boundary  
24 and shall include local representation selected by the following groups  
25 and entities: Cities; counties; federally recognized Indian tribes;  
26 parks and recreation programs; law enforcement agencies; state  
27 children's service workers; employment assistance workers; private  
28 social service providers, broad-based nonsecular organizations, or  
29 health service providers; and public education.

30 (4) Each of the twenty-three people who are members of each  
31 community public health and safety network must sign an annual  
32 declaration under penalty of perjury or a notarized statement that  
33 clearly, in plain and understandable language, states whether or not he  
34 or she has a fiduciary interest. If a member has a fiduciary interest,  
35 the nature of that interest must be made clear, in plain understandable  
36 language, on the signed statement.

37 (5) Members of the network shall serve terms of three years.

1 The terms of the initial members of each network shall be as  
2 follows: (a) One-third shall serve for one year; (b) one-third shall  
3 serve for two years; and (c) one-third shall serve for three years.  
4 Initial members may agree which shall serve fewer than three years or  
5 the decision may be made by lot. Any vacancy occurring during the term  
6 may be filled by the chair for the balance of the unexpired term.

7 (6) Not less than sixty days before the expiration of a network  
8 member's term, the chair shall submit the name of a nominee to the  
9 network for its approval. The network shall comply with subsection (3)  
10 of this section.

11 (7) Networks are subject to the open public meetings act under  
12 chapter 42.30 RCW and the public records provisions of chapter 42.56  
13 RCW.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.190.100 and 1998 c 245 s 123 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 The family policy council shall:

17 (1) Establish network boundaries no later than July 1, 1994. There  
18 is a presumption that no county may be divided between two or more  
19 community networks and no network shall have fewer than forty thousand  
20 population. When approving multicounty networks, considering dividing  
21 a county between networks, or creating a network with a population of  
22 less than forty thousand, the council must consider: (a) Common  
23 economic, geographic, and social interests; (b) historical and existing  
24 shared governance; and (c) the size and location of population centers.  
25 Individuals and groups within any area shall be given ample opportunity  
26 to propose network boundaries in a manner designed to assure full  
27 consideration of their expressed wishes;

28 (2) Develop a technical assistance and training program to assist  
29 communities in creating and developing community networks and  
30 comprehensive plans;

31 (3) Approve the structure, purpose, goals, plan, and performance  
32 measurements of each community network;

33 (4) Identify all prevention and early intervention programs and  
34 funds, including all programs funded under RCW 69.50.520, in addition  
35 to the programs set forth in RCW 70.190.110, which could be  
36 transferred, in all or part, to the community networks, and report

1 their findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature  
2 regarding any appropriate program transfers by January 1 of each year;

3 (5) Encourage the formation of a new network in areas previously  
4 served by a disbanded network;

5 (6) Reward community networks that show exceptional success as  
6 provided in RCW 43.41.195;

7 ((+6+)) (7) Seek every opportunity to maximize federal and other  
8 funding that is consistent with the plans approved by the council for  
9 the purpose and goals of this chapter;

10 ((+7+)) (8) Review the state-funded out-of-home placement rate  
11 before the end of each contract to determine whether the region has  
12 sufficiently reduced the rate. If the council determines that there  
13 has not been a sufficient reduction in the rate, it may reduce the  
14 immediately succeeding grant to the network;

15 ((+8+)) (9)(a) The council shall monitor the implementation of  
16 programs contracted by participating state agencies by reviewing  
17 periodic reports on the extent to which services were delivered to  
18 intended populations, the quality of services, and the extent to which  
19 service outcomes were achieved at the conclusion of service  
20 interventions. This monitoring shall include provision for periodic  
21 feedback to community networks;

22 (b) The legislature intends that this monitoring be used by the  
23 Washington state institute for public policy, together with public  
24 health data on at-risk behaviors and risk and protective factors, to  
25 produce an external evaluation of the effectiveness of the networks and  
26 their programs. For this reason, and to conserve public funds, the  
27 council shall not conduct or contract for the conduct of control group  
28 studies, quasi-experimental design studies, or other analysis efforts  
29 to attempt to determine the impact of network programs on at-risk  
30 behaviors or risk and protective factors; and

31 ((+9+)) (10) Review the implementation of chapter 7, Laws of 1994  
32 sp. sess. The report shall use measurable performance standards to  
33 evaluate the implementation.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty thousand nine hundred  
35 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
36 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the

1 family policy council to provide a grant to the Skagit county child and  
2 family consortium.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect July 1, 2008.

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